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RUSSIAN MARINES SECURE SCOTS LOWLANDS

FRANCE (Latimer): F Spa-Wes; F Mid-North Atlantic; A Edi holds; A Bur-Bel; A Pic S A Bur-Bel; A Par-Bur; A Pie-Tyr; F Rom-Tyr; A Vie S A Pie-Tyr; F Eng-North Sea; F Bre-Eng; A Mar-Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (von Metzke): No moves received. A Ven holds; A Bud dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA (Aita): A Mos-War; A Ukr-Gal; A Gal Vie; A Bel & A Mun hold; F Hol & A Ruh S A Bel; F North Sea-Edi; F Norwegian Sea S F North Sea-Edi; F Fen-North Sea; A Boh S A Gal-Vie.

TURKEY (Berman): F Rla-Sev; F Tri holds; F Ahr-Apu; F Aeg-Ion; F Smy-Aeg; A Rum-Bud; A Ser S A Rum-Bud; A Bul-Rum; A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French army in Vienna and the Austro-Hungarian army in Budapest are annihilated. The French army in Edinburgh may retreat to Clyde, Yorkshire, or Liverpool. The direction of this retreat must be submitted with the "Fall 1910" moves. Other players may make their "Fall" moves contingent upon the direction of this retreat.

Gregory Salamo has missed two successive moves as Austria-Hungary, and is dropped. He is replaced by Conrad von Metzke, who as stand-by also missed this move. In the event that von Metzke does not send in a "Fall 1910" move, the second stand-by, Michael Vaughn, is also requested to send in a move. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER 1966.

PARIS: Jacques III has ordered a mental examination for a certain Turkish physicist. "Apparently his aberration has spread even to this game," said he.

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BORGIA ALLIANCE ROUTS GERMANS IN TYROL

Robert Lake, playing Russia, has missed two successive moves. He is therefor replaced by the stand-by, Charles Turner, whose first moves as Russia appear below. Turner's address is 843 Santa Fe Ave., Albany, Calif.

ENGLAND (Dygert): A St.P-Liv; A Norway. St.P; F North Sea-Eng; F Bre-Mid; F Mid-Wes; F North Africa S F Mid-Wes.

FRANCE (Vaughn): A Por-Spa.

GERMANY (Latimer): A Mun-Boh; A Tyr S A Mun-Boh; A Sil S A Mun-Boh; F Swe-Bot; A Pru S ENGLISH A St.P-Liv; A Par-Bur; A Pic S A Par-Bur; A Bur-Gas.

ITALY (Aita): F Nap-Tyr; F Rom-Tus; F Ion-Tun; A Mar-Spa; F Spa-Wes; A Pul S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Rum-Ukr (sic); A Pie not ordered, holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Walker): A Tri-Tyr; A Vie S A Tri-Tyr; A Gal S RUSSIAN A War; A Rum-Ukr; A Ser-Rum; F Gre S ITALIAN A Bul.

RUSSIA (Turner): A War-Ukr; F Sev-Bla; A Mos-Sev.

TURKEY (E. Thompson): F Con-Bla; F Aeg-Con; A Ank S F Aeg-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German army in Tyrolis must retreat to either Munich or Venice. The direction of this retreat is to be sent in with the "Fall 1904" moves. Other players may make their "Fall 1904" moves contingent upon the direction of this retreat. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER 1966 at NOON.

BERLIN: This is your doing, Austria-MOSCOW: "If this works, I'll scream." exclaimed the Mad Satirical Monk, escaped via time warp from a ridiculous number of

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other lost causes.

CONSTANTINOPLE: Turkey declares war on Austria and the Austrian lackey, Russia. Turkey will apply pressure on Sevastopol to assist England's and Germany's attack on the ingrate, Russia.

LONDON (21 March 1904): In a press conference at 10 Downing Street, Lord Palmerston, Minister of Foreign Affairs for His Majesty James III's Most Britannic Government, announced that Great Britain formally recognizes the sovereignty of the Temperance Government of France and Portugal. Lord Palmerston also expounded on the Eastern Question which concerns one "sick man". The Foreign Secretary said quite pithily: "It is not a question of upholding Turkey; it is a question of Austrian or British Supremacy in the world." Lord Palmerston publicly assailed Austria as "the unflinching foe of freedom in every country of Europe...there is not an instance - there is not a spot upon the whole map - where you can lay a finger and say: 'There Austria did good'." He also said: "There might be a truce but hardly a definitive peace in Austro-Italian rivalry." And Palmerston thoroughly distrusted the Italians. "They have such a large appetite," he said, "and such poor teeth." Lord Palmerston did not attempt to explain the reason for the marked recrudescence of Pan-Slavic propaganda in Russia, attended by many diatribes against everything Celtic and Teutonic.

LONDON (21 March 1904, Foreign Office of Slavic Affairs): In reply to the allegation of the Austrian Government ("What Lucrezia wants...Lucrezia gets") as a special envoy, Sextus Tarquinius, has been dispatched to Vienna. While residing at the Imperial Palace, Sextus is reported to have personally delivered a very pointed reply to the Empress. This communication, which was prefaced by some dire threats, in the face of which Lucrezia became most un-cooperative, but remembering the honour of the Empire, she finally decided compromise was the best course and yielded. Sextus Tarquinius enjoyed her and in gratitude for his enjoyable stay at the Imperial Residence, awarded Lucrezia, the unhappy girl, a lethal Dutch Schimmelpenninck, courtesy of a grateful British Government.

LISBON: M. LeHocch, Premier of the Temperance Government of France and Portugal (its new official title) made an announcement here today. "It is probable that in the future France will remain fundamentally neutral in the great war that is shaking Europe. However, she will continue to look out for her interests both in the Iberian peninsula and in France proper. Accordingly the French army is attacking the Italians in order to show that France is capable of defending herself. Let no one seek to take unfair advantage of this country."

BORDEAUX (Free Temperance French News Agency): It was reported here that the large stocks of wine gathered here have been sold to a Gen. Cinzano attached to the Italian occupation forces in Marseilles. The temperance government authorities here in Bordeaux have let it be known that they'd rather the wine were sold than have it fall into British or German hands and that the Government will be grateful for the added revenue.

SALONA (13 April 1904): Her Imperial Majesty, the Empress Lucrezia, today issued her second denunciation of the German invasion of Austria. "We have been accused by the German Kaiser of selling out to Russia. Nothing could be further from the truth! It is Germany who has sold Us out!! Germany has invaded Austria and despoiled Austrian lands in spite of the many gestures of good will which the Austrian Government, under Our late husband and under Our rule, has given. Who saved Germany from certain defeat at the hands of Russian hordes? Austria! Whose stout resistance to Russian invasion caused the withdrawal of Russian forces from German soil? Austria! Who has continually used her good offices on behalf of Germany? Austria! And what gratitude has Germany shown? Invasion of Austria! Can it be that our Teutonic brethren have all this while contemplated this perfidy? We cannot believe it; surely this is all a mistake. Withdraw, Germany; withdraw now, and there will be peace. But we warn you, Our forces are poised and ready. If war you

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter XIV

The beatnik's off-hand question threw O-O-Hate and Sir Harley Davidson into a quandry. How could they overthrow the 1776 National Liberation Front and lead a counter-revolution in favor of absolute monarchy, unless they had a monarch?

"Are you taking applications?" the apparition repeated. As it got closer, O-O-Hate discerned a wispy beard about the creature's chin, which marked it as male.

"Surely you weren't thinking of applying to be king?" O-O-Hate asked with withering scorn.

"No, baby. But if you're going to be king, I wanna apply for queen!"

"A Communist!" O-O-Hate shouted. "Deviate! Free-lover!" He pulled a Mannlicher-Carcano out of the closet and shot the beatnik.

Sir Harley inspected the body. "Good work, O-O-Hate," he said. "But why did you have to shoot him in the back?"

"I didn't shoot him in the back."

"But look," the Canadian protested. "There's a small hole here between his shoulders, and a big one in his chest. A bullet makes a small hole when it goes in and a big one when it comes out."

"Are you trying to question the Warren Report?" O-O-Hate replied. "According to the Warren Report, a Mannlicher-Carcano bullet makes a big hole going in, and a small one coming out. In fact, sometimes it doesn't even need a bullet to make a hole. Any other conclusion would be the same thing as saying that the government is lying. And, of course, the government cannot lie, except in the national interest."

"But how will we take care of this body?" Sir Harley asked.
O-O-Hate dialed a number.

"General Lethal Engineering Enterprises," a voice replied. "We serve you with GLEE."

"This is Secret Agent O-O-Hate," the agent said. "The usual."

"I'll connect you with Mr. Kahn's office." She did so. Shortly an unctuous voice said, "May we serve you?"

"This is O-O-Hate. We've got a body disposal problem."

"How many megacorpuses?"

"Just one body."

"I'm sorry, but this office deals only with quantities of over one million. I'll connect you with Mr. Speer in our retail office."

"I don't believe I know Mr. Speer."

"He's just joined GLEE. For twenty years he has been in - ah - retirement. We were very fortunate to be able to obtain his services."

Sir Harley interrupted O-O-Hate's phone conversation. "Never mind, I've taken care of it." He pointed to the little office's fireplace, where a fire was blazing merrily. "You Yanks always do things the hard way. I just dumped him in there, doused him in gasoline, and let him burn."

O-O-Hate hung up, and for a moment the two agents relaxed and enjoyed the pleasant scent of the leaping flames.

"But back to business!" the American said. "Who'll be king?"

(Who indeed? Find out in the next issue of GRAUSTARK!)

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The following new addresses are even newer than the ones reported in GRAUSTARK #106. Please note carefully:

Kenneth Davidson, Visitors' Mail, Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London SW1, England.

James Sanders, Apt. 3K4, 601 W. 110th St., New York, N. Y. 10025.

HOW TO WIN THE FIRST WORLD WAR

The Diplomacy board reproduces the political arrangements of 1914, the beginning of the First World War between the Entente Powers England, France, and Russia, and the Central Powers Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey. Italy, though aligned by treaty with the latter group, was induced by generous amounts of British money and even more generous promises of post-war annexations, to come in on the side of the Entente Powers.

The origin and subsequent history of the war suggested a variation on Diplomacy which might more accurately represent the fighting of that war. Accordingly, I have put together the following rules for a two-man game between the Entente Powers (EP) and the Central Powers (CP):

1. Play begins with the "Fall 1914" moves. The following powers and neutral territories may be entered in "Fall 1914": all powers except Italy; Belgium, North Africa, Tunis, Albania, and Serbia.

2. Just before the "Spring 1915" moves, a coin shall be flipped to determine to which side Italy shall belong. Italy's first moves will be "Spring 1915". In a postal game, the assignment of side for Italy shall be sent out with the "Winter 1914" builds.

3. Spain, Holland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark are permanently closed, as is Switzerland. Fleets may pass directly between the Baltic Sea and the Skaggeiak. No seas are closed.

4. No moves may be made into the following territories prior to the indicated game date:

Italy: "Spring 1915"

Rumania: "Fall 1916"

Bulgaria: "Fall 1915"

Greece: "Fall 1917"

Portugal: "Spring 1916"

5. After the "Spring 1917" move, Russia shall be in a state of "civil disorder" as defined by the rulebook for the remainder of the game.

6. After the "Fall 1917" move and each subsequent "Fall" move for the remainder of the war, a new EP army shall be established in one of these four supply centers: Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, or Brest - provided that no CP fleet sits on a route between the supply center and America. Thus, a CP fleet in the Mid-Atlantic would prevent establishment of one of these EP armies in Brest unless a potential route such as North Atlantic-Irish Sea-English Channel-Brest were open.

7. The first player to gain a 2/3 majority of all pieces on the board, or to occupy all enemy capitals, wins.

8. With the above exceptions, the rules of Diplomacy apply.

I would be interested in running such a game in GRAUSTARK, as an experiment. I would prefer that Italy be aligned with the EP in this first game, to better reproduce the actual alliances of the First World War. The usual GRAUSTARK game fee of \$3.00 will be charged. The first two players accepting this challenge will begin the game. As the CP would appear to be weaker than the EP in this version, assignments will be made by lot unless one player specifically requests to play the CP.

Data on dates of entry of the various nations of Europe into the First World War are taken from Esposito, A Concise History of World War I, Appendix A.

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In Erebrion #4, Rod Walker reports that the following Diplomacy publications are now enrolling new postal players. Rates are given.

A Droite a Gauche, Hal Naus, 288 Broadway Sp. 139, Chula Vista, Calif. 92010. Free.

Armageddonia, Charles Turner, 843 Santa Fe Ave., Albany, Calif. \$2.

Barad-Dur, Jack Chalker, 5111 Liberty Heights Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21207. \$4.00 for the first game, \$2.00 for each subsequent game.

Diplomania, Don Millor, 12315 Judson Rd., Wheaton, Md. 20906. \$3.00; quantity rates.

Wild 'n' Woolly, Charles Brannan, General Delivery, Berkeley, Calif. 94701. \$6.00, plus 50¢ for each additional game.

ENGLAND RETRENCHES AFTER FRENCH INVASION

Following the "1904" campaigns the following "Winter" moves were made:

ENGLAND (Latimer): Removes F Bar, A St.F. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Uhr): Removes F Alb.
FRANCE (Berman): Builds A Par, F Bre. TURKEY (Wagner): Builds F Smy.

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MUNICH, GERMAN BAVARIA (Reuters, 7 November 1904): I was called back from my assignment in the Far East only a few months ago. Back to a Europe so different from the one I had known as to be almost unrecognizable. When I left, back in 1902, there was an Anglo-French alliance; it was destroyed by the battle of Leyden. Italy, which was so weak in 1902; and could barely mount an invasion of Greece, is now on equal terms with once impotent Turkey in a battle for supremacy in the Mediterranean.

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Here in Munich, things have not been changed much by nearly five years of war, in spite of the fact that the city has been taken and re-taken by the Germans, the French, the Bavarian Independence Front, and the Third Corps of the Second Austrian Army. The last two "powers" now control the city, and laugh at the French from behind sand-bag barricades while waiting for the Hohenzollerns to return. Up until about a week ago, when I arrived with replacements to the 'Troisième Armée de la République de la France, Grande Bretagne, et Allemagne', there had been little trouble in the city proper. The Bavarian Underground was in almost total control of the countryside, but the French were too well entrenched to be driven out by the patriotic but ill-equipped irregulars of Gen. Kronstadt. Just three days after my arrival, however, a Corps of the Austrian army, drifting north after the capture of Cis-leuthania, wandered into the area. They were well-equipped but undermanned, and the Underground persuaded them to help their fellow Germans. The spy network that had been built up by the Underground in the city was fantastic: They know all about the comings and goings of the French army. They picked last night to strike: The bulk of the occupation forces were shipping out to join the forces poised against Bremen and Kiel. Only a token force would be left for several months while reinforcements could be brought up from France.

Suffice it to say that General Kronstadt is now provisional governor of "German Bavaria", ably assisted by Mayor Unterlindenstrasser and Colonel Czyglo of the Austrian Army (Ret.). The French are turning purple with rage.

BERLIN (DRNS, 7 November 1904): Chancellor von Kluek hailed the achievements of the Bavarian Independence Front to be examples for all "the regions under the iron heel of the French autocracy" to follow. He also hailed the heroic resistance of the people of England to this "insidious repetition of the Norman Aggression of 1066", and pledged that Germany and "all freedom loving nations of the world" would help the English in their struggle with the French aggressors.

WASHINGTON: Pope Sylvester IV, in a rare papal visit outside Italy, met with President Wilson to discuss ways of ending the war in Europe. They reported their offer to mediate between any of the warring powers. The Pope, however, announced that the actions of the French occupation forces in London and the Turkish forces in Greece were placing grave strains on relations with the Holy See. The Pope expects to return to Rome tomorrow.

LONDON: We wonder if a certain German didn't have his grubby hands in this backstab. Oh well, it's England, Germany and Russia vs. the world.

CONSTANTINOPLE (14 December 1904): In one of the most outstanding examples of idiocy in recent years, the entire Turkish 1st Gas Corps embarked on the wrong ships and were accidentally transported to Greece. Originally scheduled to replace the 1st Turine Division at Bucharest, the corps missed President Nasturtium entirely. Nasturtium left early this spring to command this unit in the upper Balkans.

SALONIKA (2 January 1905): The Turkish 1st Gas Corps saw its initial action today under very unlikely circumstances. While waiting for their transports to be re-provisioned for the trip back to Constantinople, the Italians, who thought they were fighting Austrian marines, attacked the Turkish camp just outside the city. The Turks routed the Italians through the use of a new weapon originally developed by President Nasturtium. This weapon, the giant Armenian sunflower (gas), is swung into the face of the enemy with a resounding wop! (appropriately enough). The Italians suffered an estimated 50% casualty rate due to acute sinus congestion. Turkish losses were described as lightly as possible.

SKOPLJE, SERBIA (5 January 1905): Maj. Gen. Fanelli, commander of the recently defeated Italian troops, was asked to confirm the use of giant Armenian sunflowers by Turkish forces. "Dad's ride," he affirmed.

BUCHAREST (15 January 1905, IRNG): King Carol I, at the celebration of the throwing-off of the Austrian yoke, announced the full support of the Turkish Army in routing out the scattered bands of Austrian deserters and Magyar bandits terrorizing the border provinces. This aid is in addition to the ETM 100,000,000 provided by the Turks for rebuilding this war-torn country.

SHANGHAI (20 January 1905, PNA): YANTZE RIVER PATROL RESUMED FOLLOWING REPORT ANOTHER ATTACK ON PEKING LEGATIONS STOP RUSSIAN V ARMY IN TRANSIT PORT ARTHUR TIEN-TSIN CONVOYED BY GERMAN FAR EAST FLEET STOP PNA UNDER ATTACK STOP BRZNYSHVSKI.

(The above is believed to be the last telegram sent from Shanghai before the wires went down. There is no report from either the IRNG or the PNA in Peking and Canton.)

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want, war you shall get. Meanwhile, Austria cannot stand by and see the great Empire of Russia carved up like a Turkey. If the Powers insist on taking more of Russia than they now control, Austria must act! Even now, Austrian forces are moving to the relief of beleaguered Muscovy!

"How can you, Christian Germany, attack Us when We are in the midst of a great crusade? Infidel Turkey shall soon fall - your invasion has put in danger the very glory of God!!! (Cheers) Abandon your vain quest!! (Cheers) Lay down your arms and seek peace: for it is written, 'Blessed are the peacemakers'. (Cheers) Avaunt thee, invaders! Get thee from the holy land of Austria!!!! (Cheers, pandemonium, near-riot)."

Her Majesty watched approvingly at a mass victory parade, which was led by Her brother, Archprince Cesare Bordscha. It is rumored that His Highness will lead the forces sent to the relief of Russia.

PRAHA, BOHEMIA (13 June 1904): Speaking at a fete of the German-Austrian Friendship Society, Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Lucrezia of the Federal Empire of Balkania publicly apologized to the German Government.

"We are sorry," she said, "for the unfortunate treatment of the German Ambassador by Our people. We hope that His Majesty the Kaiser will forgive Our people for their understandable wrath at the German annexation of Tyrolia.

"It has also come to Our attention that a diplomatic note to the German Government was addressed to 'Gollum'. We are sorry about that, too. The Minister of State, K. F. N. von Metternich, has sent apologies to Germany.

"We are amazed, however, to learn that Germany intends to attack Italy, among others. We urge Our father the Pope to excommunicate the Germans if they invade the Holy Kingdom of Italy!

"But if Germany claims France, Italy, and Russia, what of the other Powers? We call upon Our German brothers to join us in restoring peace to Europe.

"If the Germans treat Us honorably and withdraw back into Munich, we shall honor them and call the Kaiser 'Theoden'. Otherwise..."

Meanwhile, it was reported that Baron von Schlechtenbaden, the German Ambassador, had been ensconced in a villa in Mariatheresienstadt, still under protective custody. The Austrian Ambassador in Germany, Count Zoltan Karpathvely, has been recalled for consultations.